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Building booms in downtown core

Development projects planned for 2012 will continue to change Winnipeg

After completing projects such as the Buhler Centre, the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex and McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence as part of its Campus Development Plan, the University of Winnipeg has more in store for downtown in 2012.

"We see ourselves as being part of the energy that is occurring in the downtown," said Jeremy Read, the school's senior executive officer. "The breaking down between the university and the community plays a large role in that."

To help blend the school with the downtown, the university and Winnipeg Transit are finishing renovations on the former Greyhound bus depot to turn it into the AnX, a downtown hub for buses and a 42,000-square-foot space for retail, including the school's newly opened 6,000-square-foot bookstore, a Starbucks and a new pub-style restaurant.

The building will be a cost-recovery operation for the U of W once it opens later this month.

Also in the works is a new athletic and wellness centre to be built onto the school's already existing Duckworth Centre on Spence Street.

The new athletic centre, expected to be operational by September 2013, will house a full-sized indoor field, food services, a training gym, a multi-purpose space for dance and yoga, and a new parkade development. Work is slated to begin this spring pending board approval.

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▶The University of Winnipeg plans to build a new residence for students with families behind its new Buhler Centre this year.

▶ The Canadian Museum of Human Rights expects to have the base building completed by the end of this year.

Down by The Forks, construction on the exterior of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights (CMHR) continues despite budget trouble.

Late last year, the board announced its budget had grown to $351 million from the original price tag of $265 million in 2007, and the $310 million quoted in 2009.

Despite original plans to have the exhibits set up and the building open to the public in 2013, CMHR spokesperson Angela Cassie says the cost overruns mean the grand opening isn't expected until at least 2014.

The federal government has said it won't supply more funds, so the board is now looking outside of the city and province to bring in what's needed.

When work wraps up this year on building the exterior, interior walls will be finished and all the fixtures inside will be done. The group needs to wait for more funding before completing the actual exhibit components.

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Also in development

- APTN expansion to 333 Portage.
- Convention Centre Expansion.
- Metropolitan Theatre.
- Post Office/Public Safety Building conversion.
- Waterfront Drive boutique hotel (Harbour Master Hotel).
- Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park.
- Sky Condominiums Phase II.
- Avenue Apartments on Portage Avenue.

▶ Construction of Red River College's new Paterson Global Foods Institute is expected to wrap up this spring and students will fill the building by September.

On Main Street, work to transform the former Union Bank Building into Red River College's new Paterson Global Foods Institute is just wrapping up, although the college had originally expected to have it open by last September.

"With a heritage building it's a little more complicated than doing new construction," explained Red River spokesperson Colin Fast of the delay. "We're trying as hard as we can to preserve some of the heritage features of the building."

Fast says the scope of the project has also changed, with an extra four floors of student residences added to the three originally planned.

Work on the main floor of the building — which will house a restaurant with a menu prepared by students — and the classrooms in the new extension that looks out over Old Market Square is nearly complete, and seven floors of residential space should be completed by spring.

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After a third straight 'Poe Toaster' no-show, an esoteric mourning ritual comes to an end.

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Crash victim remembered

Facebook page fills with tributes
Police investigating tragic accident on the Disraeli Bridge

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A Facebook memorial for 19-year-old Kaitlyn Fraser quickly filled with heartfelt tributes Thursday, less than a day after she died in a crash on the Disraeli Bridge.

"This girl was one of the best people I have ever met. Always smiling, so much fun, and beautiful inside and out," wrote friend Brooke Pluta on the page. "She is now looking over every single one of us, and will continue to do so forever and always. ... Why do such horrible things happen to such amazing people?"

Fraser was driving southbound on the Disraeli Bridge near Henderson Highway at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday when she lost control, struck another vehicle and went through a guard rail. The vehicle fell roughly 45 feet to the riverbank below, landing on its roof. Fraser was taken to hospital in unstable condition where she later died of her injuries.

"You were took too young, but i'm positive that your bright smile will shine down on your family and friends every day from heaven."
MEGHAN MANELUK FROM KAITLYN FRASER'S MEMORIAL FACEBOOK WALL

Winnipeg police said Thursday their investigation into the crash is continuing. "It would be premature for me to speculate as far as what actually specifically caused this collision," said WPS spokesperson Const. Chris Wingfield.

The City of Winnipeg said Thursday that while the guard rails on the Disraeli Bridge are not unsafe, they don't meet modern standards.

FACEBOOK

▶ Kaitlyn Fraser died Wednesday after her vehicle plunged 30 feet off the Disraeli Bridge onto the ice of the Red River below.

Semi a write-off after fire

No one was hurt after a semi truck and trailer caught fire in the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

Falcon Beach RCMP said the truck-trailer was westbound on Highway 1 near McMunn when the driver noticed a possible mechanical malfunction.

Pulling off the highway, the driver discovered his truck was on fire. He tried to extinguish it but failed. Firefighters brought the fire under control.

Two men in the truck, 33 and 35, were unharmed. The truck was hauling general freight. **FALCON BEACH RCMP**

FALCON BEACH RCMP

▶ The semi was a total loss.

News in brief

Woman groped off bus: Police

CRIME. A woman was groped after getting off a bus in Old St. Vital. Winnipeg police say the woman, 19, got off the bus near Fermor Avenue and St. Mary's Road on Wednesday around 11:45 a.m. A man got off the bus behind the woman, approached her, assaulted her, then fled, police say. They are looking for an Asian male between 30-40 years old with an average build, wearing a short, heavy black jacket. **METRO**

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▶ From left, certified instructor Flerida Blanco leads Kimberly Palmer, Gayle Ulasy, Heather Kezie and Katelyn Enns through exercises on Wednesday.

City wheels out new fitness class

- Seated Fitness class looking for more participants
- Other programs offered for those with special needs

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The City of Winnipeg's recreation services has rolled out a new program to help those in wheelchairs get into shape and have a little fun.

"It's designed to make people break a sweat and really feel like they got a good workout," said Gail Katz, one of the recreation technicians organizing the class. "It's also about socialization, which can be just as important as the physical side of it."

Eight weeks

▶ The eight-week Seated Fitness class runs every Wednesday afternoon. It started Jan. 11 at the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre.

Gayle Ulasy is registered for the class.

"I'm very limited in what I can do to rev-up my heart rate, and this makes it fun," she said. "This gives me lots of energy. I used to love to dance so this is exactly the kind of exercise I love to do."

The 45-minute classes see participants improve flexibility, range of motion, and muscle strength through stretching, exercises, dancing, and the use of light hand-weights.

Katz would like to see more people taking part in the program, and said people can still sign up to take part in the remaining six classes whether they're in a wheelchair or not.

For more information, check out the City of Winnipeg's Leisure Guide online at winnipeg.ca or call 311 to sign up.

Warming. Huts

▶ River trail builder Michael Jordan works on the first of five new warming huts, designed by architect Frank Gehry, that will keep skaters warm this winter on the Forks' river trail on Thursday.

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Skaters warned to keep off soft spots

While parts of the Forks' river trail opened Jan. 18, large sections of open water are keeping other sections closed. Skaters are asked to stay off the ice outside the fenced-off safe spots.

U.S. feds shut down Megaupload

Comes one day after Wikipedia, others stage protest over legislation

One of the world's largest file-sharing sites was shut down Thursday, and its founder and several company executives were charged with violating piracy laws, federal prosecutors said.

An indictment accuses Megaupload.com of costing copyright holders more than $500 million in lost revenue from pirated films and other content.

The indictment was unsealed one day after websites including Wikipedia and Craigslist shut down in protest of two congressional proposals intended to thwart online piracy.

The Justice Department said in a statement said that Kim Dotcom and three others were arrested Thursday in New Zealand at the request of U.S. officials. Two other defendants are at large.

The website allowed users to download films, TV shows, games, music and other content for free, but made money by charging subscriptions to people who wanted access to faster download speeds or extra content. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Star support

Megaupload was unique not only because of its massive size and the volume of downloaded content, but also because it had high-profile support from celebrities, musicians and other content producers who are most often the victims of copyright infringement and piracy.

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▶ This undated image obtained by The Associated Press shows the homepage of the website Megaupload.com.

Free web access in Uruguay

Uruguay's state-owned communications company is giving users a day of free Internet access in support of freedom online.

Antel says it is inspired by the Internet blackout led by U.S. search and social media companies against anti-piracy bills in the U.S. Congress. It's offering free net access on Monday.

The company says it wants to strengthen the principle of free access. Although the debate is taking place far from Uruguay, the company says its clients are affected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New potential witness in Costa Concordia saga

A young Moldovan crew member who translated evacuation instructions from the bridge after the Costa Concordia ran into a reef emerged as a potential new witness Thursday in the investigation into the captain's actions that fateful night.

Italian media have said prosecutors want to interview 25-year-old Dominica Cermotan, who had worked for Costa as a hostess but was not on duty when she boarded the ship Jan. 13 in the Roman port of Civitavecchia.

The $450-million Costa Concordia was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew when it slammed into well-marked rocks off the Tuscan island of Giglio after the captain made an unauthorized diversion Jan. 13 from his programmed route.

The ship then keeled over on its side and is still half-submerged nearly a week later.

In interviews with Moldovan media, Cermotan defended Capt. Francesco Schettino, who has been vilified in the Italian media for leaving his ship before everyone was evacuated safely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Firefighters use a helicopter to approach the cruise ship Costa Concordia leaning on its side.

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$1.5M to reduce head injuries

The federal government will spend $1.5 million to help reduce concussions in kid's sports.

The money goes to ThinkFirst Canada, Hockey Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport to support efforts to reduce the rate and severity of sports-related head injuries. The groups will work on increasing awareness among coaches, players and parents.

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Sports link

- The government says accidental injuries are the leading cause of death for people under the age of 19.
- More than 40 per cent of brain injuries in children and youth aged 10 to 19 treated in hospital emergency departments result from sports and recreation activities.

Players rescue pup

A six-week-old puppy is in need of some serious pampering after being rescued from the bitter cold by three junior hockey players in Saskatchewan.

Teammates from the Prince Albert Raiders saw a woman drop something into the bed of a parked truck earlier this week as temperatures dipped to -40 C. They found a freezing pooch showing serious signs of neglect, so they decided to call police.

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Skier Sarah Burke dies

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▶ Sarah Burke after a win in 2009. She was a four-time Winter X Games champion.

Freestyle champion was a pioneer in her sport

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke died Thursday, nine days after crashing at the bottom of the superpipe during a training run in Utah.

Burke was 29. She was injured Jan. 10 while training at a personal sponsor event at the Park City Mountain resort.

"Our hearts go out to Sarah's husband Rory and her entire family," said Peter Judge, CEO of the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association (CFSA), in a statement. "It's difficult for us to imagine their pain and what they're going through. Sarah was certainly someone who lived life to the fullest and in doing so was a significant example to our community and far beyond.

"She will be greatly missed by all of us at the CFSA and the entire ski community."

"Sarah, in many ways, define(d) the sport. ... (She was) involved since the very, very early days."

PETER JUDGE, CEO, CANADIAN FREESTYLE SKI ASSOCIATION

Tests revealed Burke sustained "irreversible damage to her brain due to lack of oxygen and blood after cardiac arrest," according to a statement released by Burke's publicist.

Burke, a native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was the best-known athlete in her sport and will be remembered for the legacy she left for women in freestyle skiing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

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▶ Jude Law

Murdoch group to pay damages

Rupert Murdoch's media empire apologized and agreed to cash payouts Thursday to 37 people — including a movie star, a soccer player, a top British politician and the son of a serial killer — who were harassed and phone-hacked by his tabloid press.

The four — Jude Law, Ashley Cole, John Prescott and Chris Shipman — were among three dozen victims who received financial damages from Murdoch's British newspaper company for illegal eavesdropping and other intrusions, including email snooping.

Lawyers for the claimants said the settlements vindicated their accusation that senior Murdoch executives had long known about phone hacking and tried to cover it up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market moment

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Kodak files for Chapter 11 protection

Storied photo company restructures business to cut costs and accelerate drawn-out digital transformation

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▶ Eastman Kodak headquarters is shown in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday.

The glory days when Eastman Kodak Co. ruled the world of film photography lasted for more than a century. Then came a stunning reversal of fortune: cutthroat competition from Japanese firms in the 1980s and a seismic shift to the digital technology it pioneered but couldn't capitalize on.

Kodak filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Thursday, raising the spectre that the 132-year-old trailblazer could become the most storied casualty of a digital age.

Already a shadow of its former self, cash-poor Kodak will now reorganize in bankruptcy court as it seeks to boost its cash position and stay in business. The Rochester, N.Y.-based company is pinning its hopes on peddling a trove of photo patents and morphing into a new-look powerhouse built around printers and ink. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analog to digital

- Through the 1990s, Kodak splurged $4 billion on developing the photo technology inside most cellphones and digital devices.
- The immensely lucrative analog business Kodak worried about undermining was virtually erased in a decade by the filmless photography it invented.

Apple to sell interactive e-textbooks for the iPad

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▶ Philip Schiller, Apple's vice-president of marketing, discusses iBooks 2 for iPad on Thursday in New York.

Apple has unveiled its plan to infiltrate and shake up the textbook market by selling inexpensive, interactive digital books to be read on iPads.

But can schools, students and parents afford to buy into it?

At a news conference in New York on Thursday, Apple announced it has partnered with three major textbook companies to launch a new section in its iBooks store dedicated to educational material.

Most textbooks will be priced at $14.99 US or less, Apple said, which is far cheaper than what schools and students are used to paying — especially for the thick, heavy tomes used for teaching in high school, colleges and universities.

Apple also claims the "dynamic, engaging and truly interactive" digital textbooks will open up new possibilities for learning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nortel auditors flagged no fraud: Defence

Defence lawyers in the fraud trial of three former Nortel Networks executives say the company's independent auditors gave their stamp of approval to financial matters at Nortel, demonstrating that the accused were not engaged in a scheme to juggle the books.

David Porter, counsel for Nortel's ex-CEO Frank Dunn, said Thursday in opening arguments that the extent of external review contradicts Crown allegations the men were conspiring to defraud the company by cooking its books and manipulating profit reports.

Dunn, former CFO Douglas Beatty and ex-controller Michael Gollogly have pleaded not guilty to the charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 Tim Hortons goes extra large: Timmies got national attention this week when it announced a brand new extra-large cup size (24 ounces) to be introduced Monday, Jan. 23. But perhaps this tweet from radio DJ Dani Stover (@danigray) said it best: "I don't care about the size of Tim Horton's cups, all I want to know is when I can roll up the rim."

2 Seth Rogen: The Golden Globes were a snore until Canada's Seth Rogen took the stage to present an award alongside Kate Beckinsale and said, "Hello I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection." Then everyone was aroused, er, woken up. Yes, a good penis joke never fails. Even George Clooney made one later in the broadcast.

3 Alcatraz Vancouver: Fox's fantastic, spooky, supernatural, J.J. Abrams-created prison drama Alcatraz, which premiered this week, is being produced in Vancouver, on the same North Shore Studios lot where several seasons of The X-Files were made. That makes this must-watch show all the more spooky.

4 Internet of darkness: More than 7,000 websites — including Wired, BoingBoing and Wikipedia — "went dark" Wednesday to protest anti-piracy legislation, currently making its way through the U.S. Congress, that could affect the Internet and freedom of speech. With less Internet, water-cooler talk must have gone up 25 per cent that day.

5 Tom Cruise & race cars: During a discussion on closeted gay celebrities on Piers Morgan Tonight this week, Rosie O'Donnell said, "People say to me all the time, 'Tom Cruise is gay.' I've been around Tom Cruise a lot. Tom Cruise drives race cars, Tom Cruise is ... I do not think Tom Cruise is gay. I have never thought Tom Cruise is gay." Well, OK, then.

6 Groom's Bieber dance: If you're a groom and at your wedding you and your groomsmen star in an epic choreographed performance set to Justin Bieber's Baby, it will get the attention not only of your bride but also of the world. "Brian's Surprise Justin Bieber Wedding Dance for Emily" on YouTube already has nearly four million views.

7 Giant killers: The 15-1 Green Bay Packers were being called one of the best teams ever and were expected to repeat as Super Bowl champions, but in a stunning playoff collapse on their home field they lost 37-20 to the New York Giants. The Packers finished the season 15-2 — one of the biggest choke jobs in sports history.

8 Andrea Bargnani: The seven-foot 26-year-old is finally showing why the Toronto Raptors drafted him first overall in 2006. Averaging 22 points a game (No. 9 in the NBA) and a career-best 6.5 rebounds a game, Bargnani is playing like an all-star on a mediocre Raptor team. He may yet be the second coming of Dirk Nowitzki.

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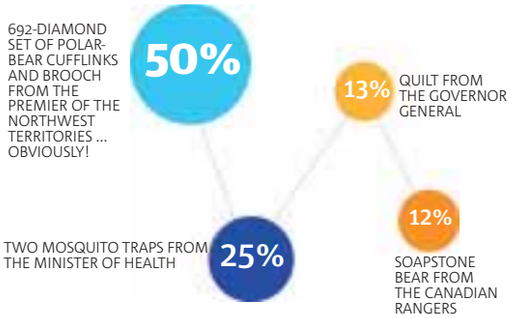
What item on the list of gifts given to the royal couple on their cross-Canada trip would you most like for yourself?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Local tweets

- **@TheAlMcLean:** Look on the bright side Winnipeg. If temperatures were golf scores we would be in the running for the green jacket errr parka
- **@ThePJN:** #Itssocold that I seriously considered cutting a stranger's guts out and jamming my hands inside to warm up this morning. #Winnipeg
- **@Charlene_Ashton:** @weathernetwork how come you only tweet about GTA - it's -24 in Winnipeg and -36 with the windchill and we aren't even slowing down!
- **@CatFiction:** @CThomasHowell U should come 2 Winnipeg! It was -39 celsius here with windchill this mornin. My zebra mitts didnt even keep my hands warm.
- **@iBrubacher:** Canada's bravest smokers. - Winnipeg #canadianwinters
- **@TheAlMcLean:** RIP Sarah Burke...The whole sporting world lowers its head
- **@jpfrenchman:** Moved to winnipeg in '96 and I finally get to see the Jets play tonight! Yeah!

GETTY IMAGES

Bath time, Russian-style

Taking religion to an extreme

MOSCOW, RUSSIA. Braving the legendary Russian winter, thousands of Orthodox Christians across the country have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany the traditional way ... by bathing in cold ice pools outside to "cleanse themselves of sins." For the faithful, this ritual pays homage to the baptism of Jesus Christ. MWN

Baptism of ice

- **The Crucifix-shaped hole** in ice is named "Iordan" after the Jordan River, where Jesus Christ was baptized.
- **Three times a blessing:** After descending wooden steps, believers submerge their bodies completely in water three times (in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

A dip in the ice gives life to you

BENEFITS. And what are the benefits of a winter swim, if any? Experts say it can stimulate mental processes and produce hormones to make the body cope with physical ailments. It can also release stress, remove aches and pains, increase vitality and keep skin looking younger. It can also treat asthma or arthritis. MWN

"When a person is in cold water all his or her blood is redistributed around the body, and this is actually good for the health."
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Synopsis

- Based on true events (though highly fictionalized), the movie focuses on four African American pilots from the Second World War — the top guns of the 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Airmen. In fighting the racial discrimination of the U.S. military, they prove their mettle by taking on dangerous assignments in active combat.
- **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕½
Mark: ⊕½

HANDOUT

▶ The anti-racist message of Red Tails is lost in the cardboard characters and wooden acting.

Tails is too 'talky'

The flight scenes are fun, but Red Tails is slowed down by leaden dialogue

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, you can't accuse Red Tails of being subtle. It is unabashedly patriotic, unapologetically melodramatic and an unashamed throwback to the propaganda movies of the 1940s. The mix and match of those elements works for the first hour, but the time one of the pilots whoops, "Let's give those newspapers something to write about!" the once charming tone of the movie started to wear thin for me. You?

Mark: Charmed? Naw, I was too busy being stupefied at the racial condescension of the movie. The movie has the best of intentions, but its anti-racist message is lost amidst the cardboard characters, leaden dialogue, wooden acting and overemphatic score. The story is so dumbed down it's a bit of an insult to those Tuskegee airmen it wants to honour. Neat flight jackets, though.

Richard: I didn't find the script condescending, just ordinary. An extraordinary, and mostly hidden history like the story of the Tuskegee Red Tails deserves something a little more than a by-the-book retelling. I agree with you about the flight jackets; they are sharp, but I also found the in-flight scenes to be exciting. Too much dialogue for my taste, but the aerial photography was fun.

MB: The aerial photography may be the only reason to watch this picture. Yet, in many of the long shots, it looked like a video game to me. And was there ever a more nauseating, saccharine romantic subplot as the one in this movie? I was so grateful that most of the dialogue was in Italian! Some of the acting was passable: Terrence Howard had a couple of good speeches, but most of the time he acted with his pipe.

RC: Ha! I think I enjoyed this more than you. But just by a hair. It's too long, too talky and too corny, but I liked some of the characters and enjoyed watching the flight sequences. I do, however, wish there was less dialogue during the dogfights. I think fighter pilots in attack mode have better things to concentrate on than making wisecracks.

MB: Yes, the confidence of the pilots under fire bordered on the comical. But one thing I found interesting: The racism of the pilots' fellow white Americans was worse than of the Nazis, who only dismissed them with snotty attitude rather than overtly trying to beat them up and using the dreaded N-word. I don't know if it was intentional, but the point packed a wallop for me.

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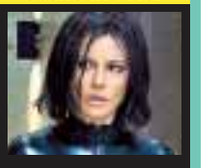
Scene in brief



Opening this week is Underworld: Awakening, the newest entry in the film series starring Kate Beckinsale as the vampire Selene. In this film, Selene must fight humankind when it starts a war against vampires and the Lycan clan — the werewolf enemies of the vampires.

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Neeson: The real wolfman

Liam's tough side is back with another 'Neesploitation' flick, The Grey, which has him fighting dogs in the wild

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood.

Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller The Grey — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles.

To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures.

"I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says.

"On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodelled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial "Neesploitation" sub-genre — with films like Taken, Unknown and now The Grey — where he squares off physically against a rogue's gallery of international baddies and proves unequivocally he's not to be trifled with.

While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type he's become synonymous with in his films.

"I can play them, but in life, I'm not one," he says. "It's great fun, because I know that I'm the opposite."

KIMBERLEY FRENCH

▶ Liam Neeson says the script for The Grey "read like a 19th century epic poem for me."

The Grey reunites Neeson with his The A-Team director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both visceral and existential levels.

"The script read like a 19th century epic poem for me, something like The Ancient Mariner or something," Neeson says.

"And also the little boy in myself. I just thought it would be great to be out with a bunch of guys on a cliff face or a rock face and doing manly things."

Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name — like Schindler's List and Kinsey — he says he's doing movies like The Grey because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically or even professionally.

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Haywire
Genre: Action
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Stars: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor
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Filmmaker Steven Soderbergh reunites with The Limey writer Lem Dobbs to create Haywire — what will surely go down as one of 2012's best action films (and yes, I know it's only January). The Ocean's Eleven director brilliantly cast MMA fighter Gina Carano as a mysterious covert operative that seeks vengeance and truth after she is double-crossed on a job. While the story is simple enough, it's clear Carano is performing her own incredible fight scenes, which keeps the kettle boiling in this stylish, entertaining thriller. ● STEVE GOW

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Genre: Drama
Director: Stephen Daldry
Stars: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock
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Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close explores the horror of 9-11 through the eyes of a gifted 10-year-old named Oskar (Thomas Horn) whose father (Tom Hanks) was killed in the attack. This is a 9-11 movie that isn't about ideology but the human cost of ideology. Oskar's search isn't for answers as to why 9-11 happened, but rather to keep a connection to his father alive. Good performances all round, Sandra Bullock and Max Von Sydow are standouts, but Horn does much of the work, his doe eyes conveying the pain, hurt and confusion that comes along with great loss. It's a bit over long, with a drawn out ending, but a few moments guaranteed to trigger the water works.
● RICHARD CROUSE

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
Genre: Thriller
Director: Tomas Alfredson
Stars: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy
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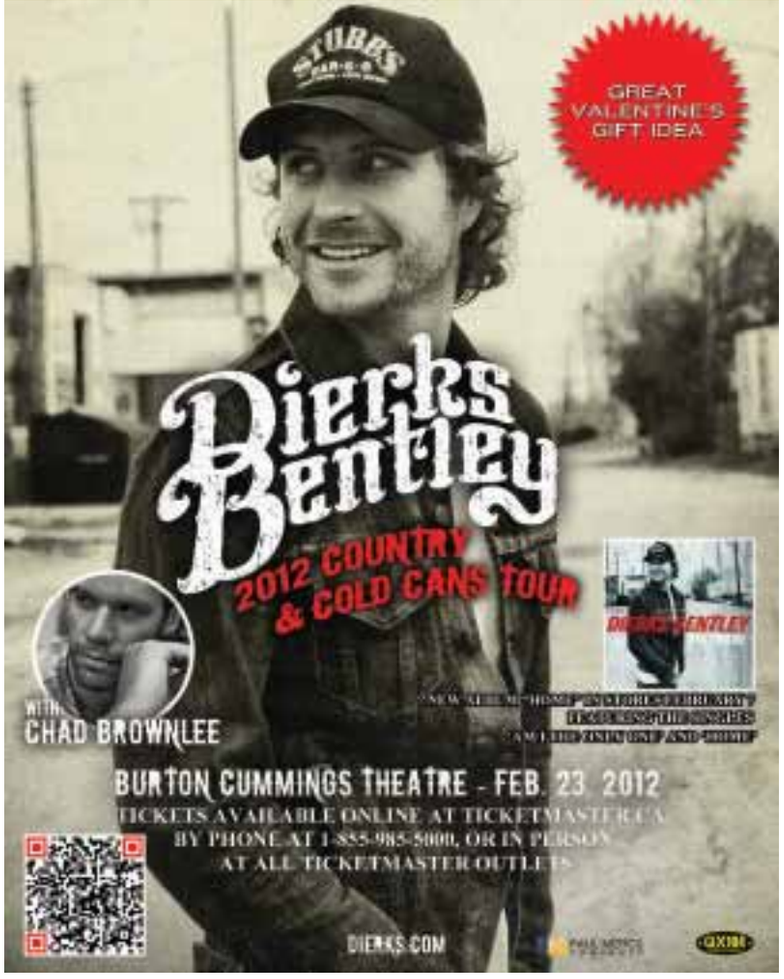
Given its dense and fascinating source material, it's not surprising that this British thriller puts the audience to work — which is a refreshing change of pace for a genre that is home to so much surface-level material. Based on a classic 1974 book of the same name by John LeCarre, Tinker observes the highest levels of British Intelligence at MI6. When it becomes clear that someone in the trusted inner circle has been a mole for the Russians, one forcibly retired agent (Gary Oldman) is asked to investigate the men he'd worked closest with. This film truly does not fit the definition of what some would deem to be a "spy film" — there are little to no car chases or explosions of any kind. The story comes out through the dialogue, not some easy voice-over that spoon-feeds salient points. If you find yourself playing catch-up, it may only add to the menacing mood of the Cold War Era. But like anything in life that doesn't come easy, the end rewards are many. Don't send your gramps with the hearing aid to see it, but if you're in the mood for a richly told portrayal with international intrigue, you're in for a treat.
● HEIDI PATALANO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Drive (18A) Fri-Thu 3:55-9:25
Footloose (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Happy Feet Two (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-7:10-9:35
Happy Feet Two 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:7:35
The Help (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:8:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:50-10:20
Moneyball (PG) Fri-Thu 1:6:20
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:40-9
Real Steel (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:40
The Thing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:55
The Three Musketeers 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:55-10:05
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:10
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Thu 2:30-4:40-7:30-9:45

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Happy Feet Two (G) Fri 3:50-6:10-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
Immortals (18A) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:20-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
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The Absent Minded Professor (STC) Sun 2
A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt (STC) Thu 7
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HANDOUT

▶ The Iron Lady stars Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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Metro selects little-known artists that deserve more attention this year ◐ Read up and expand your library

If you are looking for some new music finds for 2012, here are four must-listens for the new year.

1 **Lana Del Rey**
Del Rey released a video this summer that was so hot that every blogger in the world watched it back-to-back enough that they were all fighting to be the first to declare her passé by the next day.

But for those of us who are just interested in good music, and care more about hearing it than hearing it first, Del Rey's sultry take on gangsta will be a breath of fresh air when her debut drops at the end of this month.

▶ Lana Del Rey

2 **King Krule**
If you didn't know that Archy Marshall was a fresh-faced 17-year-old, and you heard his patient beats, sophisticated guitar chords, moody words and his low London voice, you might think he was in his 30s and possibly was the type of character who accompanied Pete Doherty through every stint in rehab.

But luckily for us, Marshall has many years ahead of him.

HANDOUT

▶ Michael Kiwanuka

HANDOUT

▶ Azealia Banks

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▶ King Krule

3 **Azealia Banks**
Imagine if Rihanna really was into sex as much as she sings about. And if Nicki Minaj was into Interpol! Then you might have an idea of the hot, hilarious awesomeness that is the 20-year-old Harlem native Azealia Banks.

4 **Michael Kiwanuka**
His song, Tell Me a Tale, sounds at first like a forgotten song from the '70s, but once he gets to the chorus you'll know that not only is this a song of the new decade, but one that will not be forgotten. The fact that he has released three EPs in the past 12 months should also be a testament to that.

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SOUND CHECK

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The winter release season is finally upon us.

Here's what we can expect in stores and online in the first quarter of 2012:

Tuesday: I have high hopes for Future This from The Big Pink, a British band with much potential.

Jan. 24: Craig Finn of the Hold Steady's solo album, Clear Heart Full Eyes, comes out. Also we'll get Cloud Nothings' Attack on Memory, which was produced by Steve Albini.

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▶ Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of The Cranberries.

Jan. 31: Lana Del Ray was the musical guest on SNL without even having an album out. Will Born to Die live up to the hype? And I've heard Old Ideas, the first Leonard Cohen studio album since 2004. Fans will be pleased.

Feb. 7: Van Halen (DLR v2.0) returns with A Different Kind of Truth. We'll also get more metal from Silverstein in the form of Short Songs. Plus Le Voyage Dans La Lune from Air. And Hotel Sessions from Evan Dando and the Lemonheads.

Feb. 14: Sleigh Bells. Can't wait for Reign of Terror.

Feb. 21: I like what I've heard so far from Band of Skulls' Sweet Sour.

Feb. 28: The Cranberries are back. Those who have heard Roses – their first album since Wake Up and Smell the Coffee in 2001 – say it's very good.

Mar. 6: Kaiser Chiefs and Start the Revolution Without Me. It'll certainly be a hit in the U.K., but will it be enough for a North American breakthrough?

Mar. 19: Spiritualized return with Sweet Heart Sweet Light.

Mar. 20: Sharks. Watch this Birmigham-based band. No Gods could be a sleeper.

Mar. 27: The Modfather Paul Weller cranks out another CD. This one is called Sonik Kicks.

Apr. 10: Slash's new solo album. Still awaiting a title.

Apr. 24: My Darkest Days. No title yet.
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Uncharted career path

Kathleen Edwards prepares for boost to music career with album

It's difficult to listen to Kathleen Edwards' transformative fourth album and miss the distinctive influence of Bon Iver's Justin Vernon.

Vernon co-produced the record from his home studio in Wisconsin, contributing backing vocals, guitar, synth, bass, vibraphone, drums, banjo and organ. But more than that, Vernon — who is also romantically linked with Edwards — helped the five-time Juno nominee chart a new musical path, marrying her sturdy song craft to lushly expansive sonic landscapes that carry more than a hint of his own outfit's rustic folk.

New sound aside, Vernon's name alone should help Edwards' buzz reverberate into new corners. And while Edwards might rather make noise by virtue of her own pristine voice, she welcomes new listeners any way she can get them.

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▶ Kathleen Edwards

"I would be lying to myself if I didn't realize that obviously Justin's involvement in this record is going to have people listen to the record who would otherwise be like: 'Oh, I think she's an alt-country singer/songwriter person,"' she said. "So I do really appreciate that."

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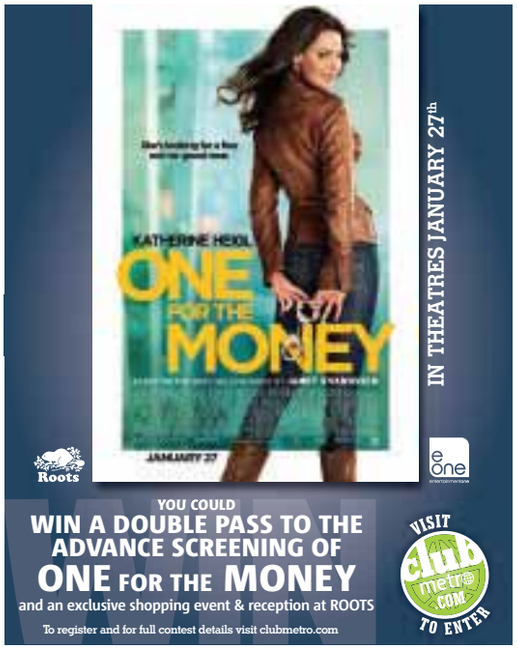

So this is what J.Lo sees in Mr. Smart

The 24-year-old boy-toy of singer is quite the motivational tweeter

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▶ Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

THE WORD

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Just why did mega-star Jennifer Lopez fall for Casper Smart?

If you're thinking it's because he's a hot piece of young man meat with terrific abs who is completely subservient to her every want and desire, you'd be wrong!

It's his seriously deep tweets, yo. How moving are they? Let's just say: Can someone get the president from the Precious Moments Page-a-Day Calendar company on the phone?

Smart needs to stop dancing and start writing to inspire all of us.

Some of my favourites:

"Age, status, n opinions of others are irrelevant."

"Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite. Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining."

"We should all honor our time here by indulging our passion and dreams. So, close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy!"

Smart is so good. How does he know that my "passion and dreams" consist of mocking in a free daily newspaper the throwaway tweets of a 24-year-old back-up dancer I've never met?

Forget the calendar — who wants to make me a motivational poster?

Is Aniston preggers?

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly six months pregnant with boyfriend Justin Theroux's child, according to MTV UK — though the pregnancy is news even to friends. "She wouldn't have wanted to make a big deal but she must be so excited," a pal says. "If anyone ever asked if she was worried about running out of time, she'd reply, 'I'm absolutely having kids there's not one doubt in my mind.'"

Aniston has been spotted out at a pair of events recently either bundled up around the middle or showing off a suspiciously swelled belly.

Speculation that the couple might be expecting began in October when they were spotted leaving a clinic together. METRO

▶Jennifer Aniston

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▶ This recipe serves four.

Reimagining a staple of breakfast

Eggs benedict ditches English muffin in favour of portobello mushroom

Preparation:

1 Rub portobello caps with oil and sprinkle with salt. Spread on baking sheet, cap side up, and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven 15 mins. or until tender.

2 Hollandaise Sauce: Melt butter in small saucepan over low heat. Place egg yolks, lemon juice and salt in blender, and blend for few seconds on High. Remove blender lid, and slowly pour in one third of melted butter. Replace lid and blend for a few seconds on high. Remove lid and pour in another third of melted butter; blend. Repeat with final third of melted butter. Return to saucepan and keep warm. If sauce is too thick, add some hot water, a tablespoon (15 mL) at a time, while whisking constantly until desired consistency is reached. Taste and adjust lemon juice and salt.

3 Fill small saucepan with 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 cm) of water. Add vinegar. Bring to simmer over medium heat; reduce heat to low. Crack eggs one at a time into small dish, and gently slip nto barely simmering water. Cover pan and cook 4 min., until whites cooked but yolks still runny (test by gently touching — they should jiggle). Remove eggs with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

4 To assemble, place one mushroom cap on each of 4 plates. Top with poached egg, and spoonful of hollandaise sauce. Garnish with chives. Serve. **NEWS CANADA/ JENNIFER HILL OF FOODESS.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 4 large portobello mushrooms, stemmed
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- Pinch salt

Hollandaise Sauce:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- Hot water, as needed
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white vinegar
- Fresh chives, for garnish

A Winnipeg company is currently looking for an employee with exceptional knowledge of Cantonese and Szechuan style cuisine (including traditional Hong Kong dim sum and Hong Kong style bakery and pastry), is able to and willing to train and to provide recipes and share your skills and knowledge and cooking techniques to the master chefs and sous chefs of the company. You have the following experience: (i) over 5 years experiences of training chefs; (ii) over 5 years experiences of a master chef; and (iii) experiences with opening new restaurants. We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package. Please send your resume to the following: Eric at: epl663@hotmail.ca

The anatomy of scotch

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Though he admits to never having tasted gasoline, I have a friend who imagines the closest thing to it he's had in his mouth is scotch.

I've tried to turn him around by explaining that to understand it, you need to know that there are three key Scottish varieties.

Blended scotch is a mix of malt and other grain whiskies, vatted versions are a union of just malt whiskies and single malts are the malty output of one distillery.

While most Scots say the real art is in the blending, it's been single malts (with unique characteristics influenced by their surroundings, water source and distiller's philosophy) that have made Scottish booze famous in North America.

With Robert Burns Day on the horizon, there's no better time for my buddy to hold on to his haggis and dive into a palate pounder like Laphroaig 10 Year Old ($70.12 - $84.99) from the island of Islay. It oozes iodine, peat, an attractively abrasive flavour that shouts 'Scotland' and the individuality that makes its malts so pleasantly polarizing. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Portion control

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4 sports

Power plays the thing

Jets connect twice with man-advantage to beat the Sabres Improve January record to 3-6

JETS	SABRES
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Andrew Ladd celebrates the Jets' first goal against the Sabres on Thursday night.

The Buffalo Sabres gave up two power-play goals Thursday night on their way to their 11th straight road loss as they bowed 4-1 to the Winnipeg Jets.

Andrew Ladd, Tobias Enstrom, Tim Stapleton and Nik Antropov scored for the Jets (22-20-5).

Drew Stafford had Buffalo's (19-23-5) only goal.

January hasn't been kind to the Jets either, but the win boosted their record for the month to 3-6.

The Sabres were spectators in the first as they were outskated and outshot 19-10.

A lot of those shots weren't much of a threat but Ron Hainsey finally slammed one from the point at 11:34 that went in off Ladd, his 16th of the season. Hainsey got credit for it briefly and it would have been his first, had it stuck.

Buffalo goaltender Ryan Miller got more of a break in the second as the Sabres picked up the pace and Stafford evened things up at 4:18 getting one past Winnipeg's Ondrej Pavelec.

Enstrom put the Jets in front again on a power play at 12:55 with his third goal in as many games and Stapleton added some insurance with his power-play goal early in the third.

Antropov added another with less than two minutes left and Kyle Wellwood's second assist of the night lifted him to a career total of 200 points.

The Jets went 2-for-4 on power-play chances Thursday. Going into Thursday's game they hadn't connected on the power play in their last five.

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Quoted

"Whenever the swelling settles down a little bit, I'll be back in the lineup doing the best I can."

EDMONTON OILERS FORWARD TAYLOR HALL. THE 20-YEAR-OLD, WHO HAS BEEN OUT SINCE SUFFERING A NASTY GASH TO HIS HEAD FROM A TEAMMATE'S SKATE DURING WARMUP BEFORE TUESDAY'S GAME IN COLUMBUS, SAID HE HOPES TO PLAY SATURDAY AGAINST CALGARY.

Around the NHL

The Toronto Maple Leafs coach split up top scorers Phil Kessel and Joffrey Lupul for the first time all season and both produced during a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

- Richard Park scored the go-ahead goal 2:23 into the third period, Evgeni Malkin padded the lead with two, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 30 saves to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 4-1 victory over the New York Rangers.

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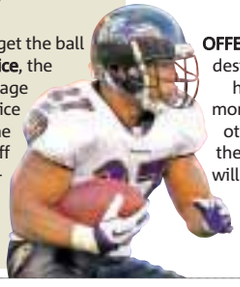
Breaking down the final four

On Sunday, the Super Bowl matchup will be set as the Ravens play the Patriots and the Giants face the 49ers

Ravens

OFFENCE: The Ravens must get the ball in the hands of RB **Ray Rice**, the league's leader in total yardage with 2,068 (1,364 rushing). Rice was dynamic the last time he faced the Patriots in a playoff game at Foxborough, breaking an 83-yard run on the first Baltimore play from scrimmage.



DEFENCE: Led by All-Pro NT Haloti Ngata and LB Terrell Suggs — plus the ageless LB Ray Lewis and S Ed Reed — and using a never-back-down philosophy, the Ravens will get after Tom Brady as best they can. But they managed zero sacks and not a ton of pressure against Houston, whose offence is not on the same level as New England's.

Patriots

OFFENCE: Given time, QB Tom Brady will destroy even the best defences. But he hasn't faced a high-quality one in months, and the best defence the Patriots played in 2011, Pittsburgh's, held them to a season-low 17 points. Brady will run the no-huddle as often as possible, hoping to force the Ravens defenders to stay on the field more often than usual.

DEFENCE: Expect Patriots coach Bill Belichick to have something schemed up to neutralize Ray Rice, forcing QB Joe Flacco to beat his team. Flacco isn't spectacular and the Ravens rarely have asked him to be the focal point of the offence. Belichick could force that to happen, especially if superb NT Vince Wilfork has his way in the trenches.

Giants

OFFENCE: The Giants were extremely efficient down the stretch to win the NFC East. They've continued that in the playoffs, mixing in big plays with ball security, getting huge contributions from WRs **Hakeem Nicks**, Victor Cruz and Mario Manningham, and just enough rushing from Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs.

DEFENCE: The Giants have a potentially overpowering pass rush led by All-Pro DE Jason Pierre-Paul, DEs Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora, and revitalized LB Michael Boley. They stumbled often in pass coverage for much of the season, but came on in recent weeks against the likes of Tony Romo, Matt Ryan and Aaron Rodgers.

49ers

OFFENCE: If the Niners establish the run with Frank Gore, who rushed for 1,211 yards and eight TDs, and can spring backup Kendall Hunter a few times, it will make QB Alex Smith more effective. In by far the best season of his seven-year career, Smith has avoided turnovers, made more precise throws than ever and been patient.

DEFENCE: The Niners, who allowed an NFC-low 229 points, have strong coverage backs in CB Carlos Rodgers and S Dashon Goldson, each of whom had six interceptions. San Francisco also might be the best tackling team in the NFL, and S Donte Whitner's hit on Pierre Thomas last week displayed that.

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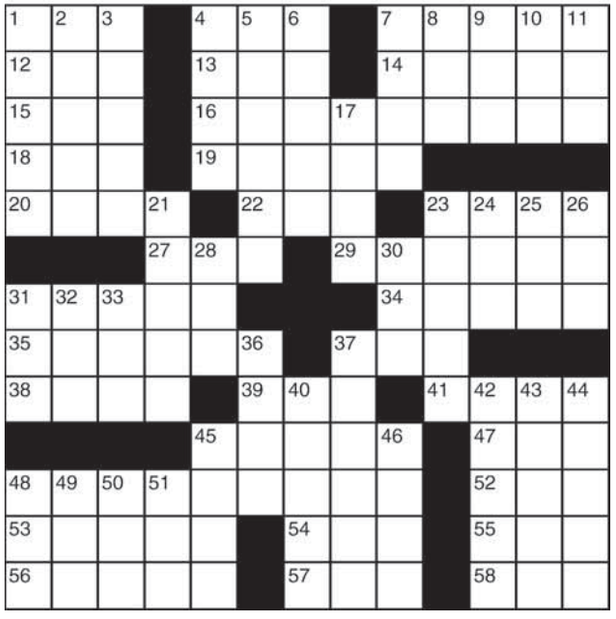

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4 "Awesome!"
7 First-aid wrapper
12 "The Greatest"
13 Leading lady?
14 Shrivel
15 Altar affirmative
16 Wagnerian riders
18 Not feel well
19 Laundry woe
20 Out of play
22 Sailor's agreement
23 Advantage
27 Corn spike
29 Tranquilizer name
31 In any way possible
34 African language
35 Dale
37 Chap
38 Ova
39 Portion of N.A.
41 Color crudely
45 Foot soldier
47 Code of life
48 February mailing
52 Lubricate
53 Sports venue
54 Earl Grey, e.g.
55 Caviar base
56 Trapshooting
57 Mess up
58 Football position

Down

1 Water nymph
2 Black-and-white film, e.g.
3 String instrument
4 Guns the engine
5 James Cameron movie
6 Hold up
7 Charles II's mistress Nell
8 Melody
9 Submachine gun
10 Last letter
11 Halves of ems
17 Chicken —
21 — of the Wisconsin
23 Serengeti critter
24 Cacophony
25 Stomach
26 Flightless bird
28 Hearty quaff
30 Lawyers' org.
31 "Hail!"
32 Playground game
33 Math course
36 Domed tent
37 Bearing
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Worship
43 Civil War side
44 Bundled hay
45 Summertime pest
46 Rip
48 Anatomical duct
49 Biblical boat
50 Shelter
51 ºAway from WSW

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
From today, other people will find it much easier to work with you. Yes, you can be a difficult partner.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With the Sun crossing the career angle of your chart, you must not get upset about things that require a practical approach.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You may not have been at your best of late but very soon you will look and feel like a million dollars.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks, you will have to tighten your belt now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You will make a lot of friends over the next few days, and most likely you will make one or two enemies.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to tighten up your working routine. You have wasted a lot of time on activities that are of no real importance.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means the next four weeks should be truly special.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Make allowances for loved ones and relatives who don't share your level of self-control.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You can quite easily turn potential foes into allies today, simply by being a bit less aggressive.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The Sun leaves your birth sign today but that does not mean your energy has to drop. Keep going.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Your very own new year begins today as the Sun moves into your sign. You should be making plans — and acting on them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Look on the bright side of everything that happens in the next 24 hours. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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